

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 2-5, 7, 10-12, and 14, amended claims 1, 8, 9, and 15, and new claim 16 are in this application.

A telephone discussion between Examiner Yimam and Dennis Smid (one of the applicant's undersigned attorneys) was held on October 12, 2006. Another telephone discussion between Examiners Grant and Yimam and Mr. Smid was held on October 25, 2006. The applicant and Mr. Smid wish to thank the Examiner(s) for his (their) time and consideration for such discussion(s).

Claims 1-3, 7-10, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeo (US 2003/0088646) in view of Takeda (US 6,101,215) and further in view of Clemens (US 6,833,863).

Amended independent claim 1 recites in part the following:

"a command generator operable to generate an extract command by use of an object number select extract subfunction which conforms to a 1394 specification, said extract command operable to request the another information processor to extract a specified video frame from the video stream recorded in the record medium, to convert the video which has been extracted into still image data, and to send the still image data;"

In explaining the above 103 rejection of claim 1, the Examiner appears to acknowledge that both Yeo and Takeda fail to disclose the above feature of claim 1. (See lines 1-3 of page 5 of the present Office Action.) In an attempt to overcome such deficiency, the Examiner appears to rely on Clemens and, in particular, line 64 of column 4 to line 5 of column 5 and line

52 of column 10 to line 38 of column 11 thereof. (See lines 4-8 of page 5 of the present Office Action.)

As discussed during the October 12 and 25 discussions, it is respectfully submitted that the portions of Clemens relied upon by the Examiner do not appear to disclose the above feature of claim 1. More specifically, such portions of Clemens do not appear to disclose a command generator operable to generate "an extract command by use of an object number select extract sub-function which conforms to a 1394 specification, said extract command operable to request the another information processor to extract a specified video frame from the video stream recorded in the record medium . . . " as in claim 1. Initially, such portions of Clemens do not appear to disclose "an object number select extract sub-function which conforms to a 1394 specification." In fact, such portions of Clemens do not appear to disclose any object number sub-function. Additionally, such portions of Clemens do not appear to disclose extracting "a specified video frame from the video stream recorded in the record medium." Although such portions of Clemens mention capturing a still image, such portions of Clemens do not appear to disclose that such still image is extracted from a video stream in a recorded medium.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo, Takeda and Clemens.

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that independent claims 8, 9, and 15 along with new independent claim 16 are distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo, Takeda and Clemens. Additionally, new claim 16 recites in part "a command generator operable to generate an extract command by use of an object number select

extract subfunction which conforms to a 1394 specification, in which a single extract command is operable to request the another information processor to extract a specified plurality of video frames from the video stream recorded in the record medium, to convert the video frames which have been extracted into still image data, and to send the still image data." (Emphasis added.)

Claims 2-3, 7, 10, and 14 are dependent from one of the independent claims and, as such, are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo, Takeda and Clemens for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeo, Takeda and Clemens and further in view of Nakaya.

Claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 9 and are also distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo, Takeda and Clemens for at least the reasons discussed above. The Examiner does not appear to have relied upon Nakaya to overcome the above described deficiencies of the other applied references. As such, claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Yeo, Takeda, Clemens and Nakaya.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's

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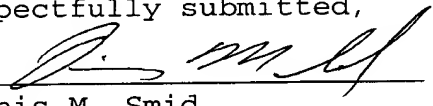
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attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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